

NEHEMIAH M. BADGER.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 288.]

JANUARY 19, 1832.

Mr. BURGESS, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Nehemiah M. Badger, report:

In the case of Nehemiah M. Badger, it appears, by a certificate made by the Chief Clerk of the Pension Office, that he was, on the 10th day of June, 1814, inscribed on the invalid pension list, at the rate of \$2 50 per month, which rate was afterwards increased to \$5 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ per month, and afterwards further increased to \$8 per month, viz: commencing on the 4th day of March, 1830. It also fully appears, that said Badger was a sergeant of of Capt. Morgan's company, in the first regiment of light dragoons, in the army of the United States, in the late war; that, while in actual service, in the line of his duty, in said war, he was, on the 29th day of May, 1813, severely wounded in the head, by a musket ball, which, striking him behind and near the left ear, passed so nearly through his head as to lodge just below his left eye; from which part it was cut out and extracted by the army surgeon; that he suffered greatly for several months from the exfoliation and extraction of many parts of the shattered bones of his head; that, after the expiration of nearly a year, to wit, on the 1st of April, 1814, he reported himself to the captain of a company of light dragoons, then stationed at Buffalo; and that, from the testimony of the surgeon who first dressed his wounds, and then examined him at that time, it appears he labored under much disability from his wound, not then healed, and from an enfeebled state both of body and mind. It further appears that the said Badger was, by the same and by another surgeon, examined afterwards, to wit, on the 10th day of October, 1821; and, from the effects of the wound aforesaid, which had greatly increased, pronounced by them to be totally disabled from gaining a living by manual labor. In his petition he prays for an increase of pension from eight to eleven dollars. It is a fair inference, from the evidence in this case, that the petitioner was, when his name was first placed on the pension roll, totally disabled, and ought to have received a pension from that time for such disability. Wherefore, resolved by the committee, that a bill be reported to the House, directing the arrears of his pension, at that rate, from June 10, 1814, to be paid to him.

